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Prime Success.****PORTLAND SENDS GREETING****Ireland's Patron Saint Honored and
His Day Delightfully Kept—Metro-
politan Elks Giving Gifts and Good
Cheer.**

When 300 Elks are gathered together for the sole, and always admirable, purpose of having fun, clean, wholesome, and genuine fun, there are none to say them nay nor to doubt that they get it all out of the host that so contributes. This was the case last night, when Astoria Lodge, No. 180, B. P. O. E., gave its "Irish Social" in honor of St. Patrick's Day. There were 289 of the home lodge in the assembly to act as hosts to a short "Baker's Dozen" down from Portland; and the measure of hospitality kept even pace with the discrepancy in the figures; the 289 forgot nothing that might add an atom of delight to the night's experiences of the metropolitan pilgrims; at least, that is the unbiased opinion of Messrs. Henry C. Griffin, John Buntin, John Kelly, James Anderson, W. W. Moore, C. E. French, W. H. Barry, W. L. Bayer, Andrew Frieburg, and John Driscoll.

The handsome hall in Odd Fellows' building was appropriately decorated with huge shamrocks and duds, and green was the master-color of the place and hour. Nearly every man of them was done up in Irish costume, ranging from the navy to the squire, and "the hat me fa'ther wore" was in evidence everywhere.

Henry Griffin, of Portland, the arch fun-maker of the metropolis, presided as "police judge," while Frank Carney, the "Earl of Sligo," did duty as clerk of the "court"; these two, with a force of cops, some 20 strong, did a rushing business and the fines were numerous and covered the entire gamut of real and alleged offenses. The fun was fast and furious and provocation of endless hilarity, and the humor of the moment was rich with jokes applicable to the day and the nationality these jolly fellows stood for.

At a little after 11 o'clock, "Judge" Griffin demanded the attention of the house and got it, while, in a neat and feeling speech, he presented to the Astoria lodge a memento sent down from their brethren of Portland lodge, a beautiful white case containing 15 clay pipes, softly imbedded in green velvet, eight of them in a row bearing, in green, the letters P-O-R-T-L-A-N-D; the second row of seven so branded with the letters A-S-T-O-R-I-A, each row being finished by a cute little plug hat, acting as periods to the lines. It was enthusiastically

received by the home Elks and Exalted Ruler John McCue, feelingly and yet humorously, acknowledged the dainty and appropriate gift.

The evening's entertainment embraced, among other novelties, a four-round boxing match between Wright and Ansted; two clever young exponents of the manly art, in this city; which was encored to the limit, and resulted in a draw, so handy were the boys with their "dukes." A "jui jitsu" go at wrestling was presented by Messrs. Clark and Thompson, of this city, and was a fine exhibition of the heroic and graceful art.

At midnight a splendid supper was served, al fresco, to which every man present lent the best offices of hospitality, and appreciable indulgence. The "pieces de resistance" of this lunch were a roast sucking pig and a baked royal Chinook salmon, with all manner of accompaniments usually noted with such delicacies.

After the edibles had been placed where they would do the most good, the big, jolly throng lit up their pipes and went into the delightful duty of story-telling, a pastime for which the Elks are literally and rightfully famous; and from this happy phase of the craft, they withdrew, one by one, until the darkness and silence of the wee sma' hours prompted them to their couches. It was a prime and unalloyed success from beginning to end.

TUNNEL NEARLY THROUGH

NEW YORK, Mar. 17.—The last of the four Pennsylvania R. R. tunnels under the East river between Manhattan and Long Island City is expected to be cut through some time to-day. The engineers in charge of the excavations of tube "A" as the tunnel is known, had expected to bore through the remaining wall of earth yesterday but rock was encountered and the boring became more difficult than had been anticipated.

AMERICAN ICE CO.

NEW YORK, Mar. 17.—The special grand jury has been engaged in hearing evidence against the American Ice Company voted yesterday, it is reported, to return an indictment. District Attorney Jerome declined to submit the evidence to a grand jury on the ground that he did not think there was sufficient basis for an indictment and the case was put before the body by a special assistant attorney general.

ADMIRAL EVANS TO RETIRE.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—A special dispatch from San Diego says news of an announcement today by Rear Admiral Evans, commander of the Atlantic fleet that upon its arrival at San Francisco he would retire from the command because of ill health. This announcement officially confirms the report from Washington that Admiral Evans would haul down his flag upon arriving at San Francisco.

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FEEDING THE FLEET**Preparations Made Many Months
Ahead of Starting.****SOME INTERESTING FIGURES****The Trip Has Demonstrated the Fact
That the Atlantic Fleet Can go to
Any Part of the World if Coal is
Provided.**

MAGDALENA BAY, Lower California, Mar. 13 (Via San Diego, Cal., Mar. 17).—The trip from Hampton to Magdalena Bay has demonstrated that the Atlantic fleet can go to any part of the world if coal is provided declared Capt. R. F. Ingersoll, chief of staff to Rear Admiral Evans, today when asked for a statement by the Associated Press. Upon Capt. Ingersoll devolved a large portion of the work of executing the cruise.

"The plans which were formulated last August," he continued, "for the coaling of the fleet on the present cruise provided for the use of 80 tons per steaming mile. Then there was added eight additional tons daily for various necessary allowances. We have found that we were able to keep well within this estimate and maintain the 10 knot speed. The arrangement for coaling at all of our various stops have been carried out and the pre-arranged plans have proved entirely adequate.

"At Rio we took on 24,000 tons, at Punta Arenas 21,000 at Calloa 21,000, and at Magdalena, when we have finished with the colliers, we shall have taken on 35,000 additional. This supply will be adequate to last until we arrive at San Francisco. This provides also for the coal to be used in our target practice.

"All of this amount of coal was provided, with the exception of the amounts taken on at Rio and Trinidad, from charterer colliers.

"The supply ship loads and the provisions for the fleet were computed at the same time as was the coal estimate and submitted to the department. These arrangements have also worked out to perfection. Our fresh meat lasted until we reached Magdalena where we still had 200,000 pounds left over. We had 1,000,000 pounds of fresh meat when we started. The bakeries on our ships have supplied us with from 900 to 1,000 loaves of bread daily.

"We started with half a million pounds of potatoes which supply was exhausted at Punta Arenas. We issued the last 40,000 pounds there. From there to Calloa the crews were rationed with de-hydrated or dried vegetables, which were found to be most satisfactory. At Calloa we took on 230,000 pounds of potatoes which lasted until we reached Magdalena. Here the Buffalo met us with 200 tons more. This will last ten days until the Culgoa can get here from San Diego where she was sent from Calloa with orders to take on stores and return here. She will give us enough fresh provisions to last until we arrive at our final destination at San Francisco.

"The trip has demonstrated that the Atlantic fleet can go to any part of the world if coal is provided. The rest will be easy. I may say that all taken together, the men and officers of the fleet have not regarded the cruise in the same remarkable sense that the general public has. With them it merely has been a day's work—nothing more. However, they are all gratified at the successful conclusion of the cruise to date. It merely confirms our expectation.

Much disappointment is expressed throughout the fleet over the failure of the expedition to rescue the American sailor Jeffs from Indefatigable Island. The fleet passed within about forty miles of the island and the tender Yankton was sent in to make the search. The landing party from the tender searched all habitable portions of the island for two days. Remains of camp fires were found in several parts but no trace of the sailor was discovered. In one place a razor was found with Jeff's initials on it. It is the belief of the men on the Yankton that the marooned sailor has been rescued by some passing vessel. Search was made of every possible place where the man could have concealed himself before perishing, but it was without result. The Yankton proceeded to Acapulco and is expected to reach Magdalena the first part of next week.

Large practice will occupy probably three weeks. There will be no battle practice, that being held in the fall of the year. Preliminary practice is limited to two ships, the Kansas and the Vermont which have not yet fired all of their guns in practice. All will engage in record target practice. There will be four ranges, four ships firing at a time. The rafts for the targets were finished this afternoon and were being towed out to the grounds to the southeast of where the squadron is anchored. Yesterday and to-day three or four of the ships, including the Georgia, Rhode Island, Kansas and Vermont were on the range laying out the lines and anchoring buoys for the attachment of the targets and for the guidance of the ships. The frames of the targets will be put in place in the morning. The shooting will then begin. It is likely that the fleet will leave here between April 5 and April 10. Stops will be made at San Diego, Los Angeles ports, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz.

At Los Angeles ports, where the fleets will be divided into divisions of four ships each to be anchored off Long Beach, San Pedro, Redondo, and Venice-Ocean Park, and Santa Monica, it is not unlikely that the fleet first will steam in single line formation up the coast along the line of the various ports and then divide. This would make a splendid naval pageant which might be enjoyed by the people of those cities. Again, upon departure the fleet probably will form in single column and sail north, repeating the parade. A simultaneous salute, such as was given in some of the South American ports, may be fired.

The town of Magdalena has not grown to any appreciable extent because of the fleet's visit. It is about the same size that it has been for years past. It consists of a row of small one and two story white-washed houses, located on the northern shore of what is known as Man-of-war Cove. The houses, set back from the beach some 50 feet and extend for perhaps 1,000 yards along the shore. Mr. Heney, a cousin of Francis J. Heney, the assistant district attorney of San Francisco, is the only white man in the place. He has resided here for the past eight years as local manager for a company controlling 4,120,000 acres of land which fronts partially along the bay. A young woman, cousin of Mr. Heney, and her mother resides with him.

The remainder of the population is entirely Mexican. There are normally about 115 people in the place. On these ranches horses and cattle are reared. Cattle are killed for local consumption. Water is the great problem. Ordinarily it is brought from many miles inland and frequently is furnished to Mr. Heney by the war ships in the harbor. The ships convert the salt water into fresh and afford an adequate supply.

The day before the arrival of the Atlantic fleet the Steamer Curacao from La Paz landed 36 Mexicans at Magdalena and the question of food and water for them was a serious problem. Mr. Heney solved it by securing a supply from the ships. Gov. Sanginez and his official party are quartered at Mr. Heney's residence which is the most portentous in the place. Within the past two days two or three new buildings of a temporary nature have sprung up along the beach and are being used by Mexican vendors.

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"The Toymaker."

Besides containing some really excellent music "The Toymaker" which will be presented by the San Francisco Opera Company at the Astoria Theatre, Sunday, March 22nd, is full of good fun and as a spectacle, nothing approaching it has been seen in the West for some time. The wonderful toy shop with its living dolls and hundreds of mechanical effects never fails to arouse the greatest enthusiasm. Teddy Webb as Johannes Guggenheimer, the eccentric old German inventor, has a part that fits his funny personality like a glove. Webb's topical verses, localisms, and extemporaneous sayings made him one of the greatest favorites that ever trod the boards of the Tivoli Opera House.

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Curiously enough, the man who, in my opinion, had the keenest intuition of the value of publicity and used it to the greatest personal advantage, when we consider his endeavor, never really knew how to read and write. I knew him first as a young street urchin, making his living by selling newspapers, blacking boots, running errands, and doing such odd jobs as fell in his way; and it was chiefly through selling newspapers, whose headlines alone he was barely able to decipher, that he gained that knowledge of what Park Row calls "news values" which one finds in every trained and efficient city editor.

It was on the strength of this knowledge that this bootblack went one day to a well-known wholesale liquor dealer on the East Side and proposed that he should establish him a saloon on the lower Bowery. The liquor dealer was aghast at his presumption until he learned his scheme. Then he capitulated at once, and within a few days the papers had been signed and a twenty-four hours' option secured on rickety and, from nearly every imaginable point of view, undesirable premises, near Canal Street, and directly under the noisiest and dustiest and oiliest part of the elevated railroad. This done, the bootblack made his way to the very center of the Brooklyn Bridge, climbed daintily to the top of the parapet, and, heedless of the warning shouts of a panting cop, dropped into the

seething water below.

It was an unknown youth, with an earning capacity of a few dollars a week, who disappeared beneath the surface of the East River, but it was an enterprising young man, an East Side celebrity in fact, all ready for the divine oil of publicity, and with an assured income and possible fortune in his grasp, whose nose reappeared very shortly above the muddy surface of the waters and who was helped by willing and officious hands into a rowboat where dry clothing awaited him, together with hearty congratulations on the fact that he alone, of all those who had attempted to jump the bridge, had escaped with his life. The next day the name of Steve Brodie was flashed from one end of the country to the other, and within a very few hours after his discharge from custody—he was arrested on the charge of trying to take his own life—he was standing behind his own bar, serving drinks to the crowds who came to gaze at Steve Brodie, the bridge-jumper, and to pour their money into his coffers.

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